Child Health Programme, funds are provided for the construction/ repair/maintenance of operation theatres and labour rooms, and for upgradation of water and electric supply in the primary health care institutions.

AIDS virus testing facility in blood banks

2296. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the blood banks in the country have been directed to procure blood only after establishing it as free from AIDS virus;

(b) if so, whether every blood bank is fully equipped to test AIDS virus; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take so that a large number of patients are not affected through HIV positive blood transfusion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules clearly direct that every unit of blood in the blood bank is tested for HIV infection, and only HIV sero-negative blood is issued for purposes of blood transfusion and/or for any other uses. To ensure this, every blood bank is equipped with HIV test kits or then further linked to a larger blood bank, where these facilities are available.

Home remedies kit scheme

2297. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Home Remedies Kit" scheme has been launched/ proposed to be launched;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the States covered under the scheme; and

(c) the details/worth of the Kits given to each family?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme provides for making available Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic medicines for identified 15 disease conditions. The Pilot scheme is to be implemented in 100 Panchayats of one district each in 21 States as per statement *(See* below).

(c) Home Remedies Kit will be provided to trained Service Providers who will disburse the medicines to needy persons for common ailments free of cost as per scheme.

Statement

Names of the states covered under Home Remedies Kits Scheme

S.No. State	District	System of Medicine
1. Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad	Unani
2. Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Dibang Valley	Homoeopathy
3. Assam	Nalbari	Homoeopathy
4. Bihar	Patna	Unani
5. Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	Ayurveda
6. Gujarat	Jamnagar	Ayurveda
7. Haryana	Hissar	Ayurveda
8. Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	Ayurveda
9. Jharkhand	Dumka	Ayurveda
10. Karnataka	Kolar	Ayurveda
11. Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	Ayurveda
12. Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	Ayurveda
13. Manipur	Thoubal	Homoeopathy
14. Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills	Homoeopathy
15. Orissa	Mayurbhanja	Ayurveda
16. Punjab	Patiala	Ayurveda
17. Rajasthan	Banswara	Ayurveda
18. Tamil Nadu	Theni	Siddha
19. Uttar Pradesh	Aligarh	Unani
20. Uttaranchal	Rudraprayag	Ayurveda
21. West Bengal	Bankura	Homoeopathy